

**Amendments to the Claims**

Claims 1 (Withdrawn):                    A method of manufacturing a shipping base, the method comprising:  
gathering siding materials for recycling;  
cleaning the siding materials of any siding connectors;  
cutting the siding materials to pre-determined lengths; and  
connecting the pre-determined lengths of siding materials to form a shipping base.

Claim 2 (Withdrawn):                The method of manufacturing a shipping base of claim 1 further comprising:  
drilling holes in the shipping base to secure a product.

Claim 3 (Withdrawn):                A method of manufacturing a shipping base, the method comprising:  
forming a plurality of boards from a plurality of particles secured together with a resin;  
cutting the boards to pre-determined lengths; and  
assembling the boards to make a shipping base.

Claim 4 (Withdrawn):                The method of manufacturing a shipping base of claim 3 wherein the resin is polymeric methylene diphenyl diisocyanate.

Claim 5 (Withdrawn):                The method of manufacturing a shipping base of claim 3 further comprising:  
drilling holes in the shipping base to secure a product.

Claim 6 (Original): A shipping base for transporting products, the shipping base comprising:  
a plurality of non-wooden boards assembled to accommodate a product to be shipped;  
a piece of styrofoam secured to one or more of the non-wooden boards between the boards and  
the product; and  
a plurality of holes in the non-wooden boards to accommodate a portion of the product to be  
shipped.